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EXAMINING GROUP 2881

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group: 2881

Application No.: 09/854,718

Examiner: David A. VANORE

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For: METHOD FOR THE RAPID DETERMINATION OF THE OPTICAL  
QUALITY OF COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

Claims 1 to 11, 13 to 20, 22 to 32 and 46 to 59 are pending. A June 2, 2004 Final Rejection rejected claims 1 to 11, 13 to 20, 22 to 32 and 46 to 59. Reconsideration and allowance are requested for the following reasons.

I. 35 U.S.C. 102(a)

Claims 1 to 11, 13 to 20, 22 to 32 and 46 to 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Nielsen.

35 U.S.C. §102(a) states:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent

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